

within the Aurora community since its inception in 1968.

In 1968, Aurora's first community service agency was created then by a group of women and several church organizations. These pioneers recognized the needs of the less fortunate members of our community, and they created this remarkable organization to address those needs. Back then, Aurora Interfaith Community Services initiated the collection of food, clothing, and other supplies for distribution. The Aurora Interfaith Community Services still provides these services today.

I would also like to recognize the executive director, Judith M. Barrow, Ph.D., and the volunteers and staff of the Aurora Interfaith Community Service. I congratulate them and their predecessors for all they have done for Aurora over the past 50 years and I look forward to seeing how Aurora Interfaith Community Services will continue to serve those in need for the next 50 years.

It is an honor to recognize all for their dedicated service to our entire community in Aurora, Colorado.

#### CELEBRATING THE 2018 AG BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: AGRIAN, INC.

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise alongside my colleague, DAVID VALADAO, to commemorate Agrian, Inc. as the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Baker Peterson Franklin Ag Business of the Year. Agrian, Inc. has devoted itself to providing innovative and creative solutions to some of farming's most pertinent issues, and thus is a fitting recipient of this award.

Since its founding in Clovis, California in 2004, Agrian, Inc. has striven to provide consistent documentation for growers, agronomists, crop advisors, retailers and food processors. Utilizing their software, Agrian provides compliance, agronomy, precision farming, sustainability and analytic tools to local farmers in the Central Valley.

Because of the leadership of cofounder and CEO Nishan Majarian and President Richard Machado, Agrian has become the first agriculture software company to operate cloud-based software, creating a paradigm shift in the industry and significantly increasing documentation efficiencies. Additionally, Agrian, Inc. has expanded internationally to Armenia and Nepal. Due to this expansion, its software has documented over one billion acres and has over 200,000 users. If that wasn't impressive enough, Agrian has built the largest crop protection label database in the world with 11,000 manufacturer-reviewed labels.

In recent years, Agrian has continued to demonstrate its independent leadership while recognizing the value of establishing meaningful partnerships. They have been a steadfast supplier of local organizations such as the Central California Food Bank, Marjoree Mason Center, Philip Patino School of Entrepreneurship, the Planet Foundation and City of Clovis community policing. Agrian is also committed to preparing future leaders of agriculture. Agrian has an internship program with Fresno

State, which offers students the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge in the industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me and Mr. VALADAO in honoring Agrian, Inc. as the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Baker Peterson Franklin Ag Business of the Year. Congratulations to the entire Agrian team for receiving this special award. I ask that you join me in wishing them continued success.

#### HONORING GARY HEITZLER

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Saint Joseph's Medical Center located in my district hosted its annual Ball on November 3 and chose an outstanding slate of honorees for the event. One of those wonderful honorees is Doctor Gary Heitzler, a very active member on the Hospital's Medical Board.

A D.D.S., Dr. Heitzler is a product of the New York City public school system and received a scholarship and graduated from CUNY at Queens College. While at dental school, he was very active in community outreach programs and assisted in providing education and much needed dental care to many underserved communities on Long Island. He received the American Dental Association's Children's Dentistry and Service Award upon graduating from dental school. Wanting to continue his efforts in providing education and dental care to the underserved, Dr. Heitzler decided to complete a two-year Pediatric Dental residency at Brookdale Medical Center located in Brooklyn, New York. He received his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 1994 and opened his own practice that same year in Westchester County.

As his private practice grew, Dr. Heitzler realized that he still was not reaching the pediatric population that most needed quality pediatric dental care. He reached out to Saint Joseph's Medical Center as the hospital had the reputation of providing quality healthcare to the community and never turning any patient away who needed help. In February 2001, Saint Joseph's Medical Center and Dr. Heitzler opened the hospital's first ever Pediatric Dental Center. The practice grew very rapidly as this much-needed service was welcomed by the community. Now, in 2018, Dentistry For Children at Saint Joseph's Medical Center has over 17,000 active patients, ten dental chairs, a staff of over twenty and countless happy parents and children.

In addition to the hospital-based practice, Dr. Heitzler maintains two other pediatric dental practices located in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY and Peekskill, NY. Outside of work, he resides in Briarcliff Manor with his wife Melissa, and their three children; Jenna, Spencer and Jackson.

I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Heitzler on this auspicious occasion and, on behalf of New York's 16th Congressional District, thank him for all the fine work he has done to improve the lives of people in the community.

CONGRATULATING MR. MICHAEL CARRIGAN ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS A ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE BY THE WORLD PEACE PRIZE AWARDING COUNCIL

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Michael Carrigan, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO, for being recognized as a Roving Ambassador for Peace by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council. Mr. Carrigan joins an impressive list of leaders who have been honored by the Council, including Ronald Reagan, Mahatma Gandhi, and Yitzhak Rabin. When he is formally commended on November 8, Mr. Carrigan will be the first Illinois resident to receive this honor.

Throughout his career, Mr. Carrigan has worked tirelessly on behalf of working families and all Illinoisans. His understanding of state and local politics, and a strong grasp of labor issues, helped him rise through the ranks as an official with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. As Mr. Carrigan's responsibilities grew, his good reputation spread, and in 2007 he was unanimously elected by the Illinois AFL-CIO executive board to be the organization's president. The broad base of support for Mr. Carrigan's leadership demonstrates his credentials as an effective leader and his ability to work collaboratively and build coalitions. Earlier in his career Mr. Carrigan also served our community as an elected official, through his 13 years on the Decatur City Council and as mayor.

Speaking about Mr. Carrigan's accomplishments, Fr. Sean McManus, Chief Judge of the World Peace Prize Awarding Council, notes the relationship between peace and the labor movement. I share this sentiment, as I believe that standing up for better conditions for all workers helps to lift up societies across the world. Mr. Carrigan's record of service for Illinois workers is an exemplary model for those who wish to dedicate themselves to this cause. I am pleased to have known Mike throughout my tenure in Congress and call him a friend. I've witnessed his hard work and focus on the needs of all working families firsthand.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Michael Carrigan on this outstanding accomplishment and on his record of leadership that led to this recognition. Illinois workers are fortunate to be represented by such a leader, and I wish Mr. Carrigan continued success.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JACK CANNON

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Cannon's service to the United States during World War II. It is an honor to acknowledge and commemorate his immense courage and laudable character with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Cannon was born on February 22, 1924 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was called to serve in World War II in 1942, where he left his home state for the first time in his life. He studied basic air supply and aircraft construction in Florida and went on to receive specialized training on the B-29 Superfortress, which contained a remote-control turret and gunner. During a raid on Tokyo in March 1945, he began serving as a Technical Sergeant and gunner on the Salvo Sally B-29. On April 28, 1945, Salvo Sally was shot down in Southern Japan into the Pacific Ocean with twelve men aboard. Mr. Cannon was the only survivor.

Adrift in enemy territory, with only a "Mae West" life jacket, Mr. Cannon persevered until rescuers were deployed. After two days, The USS *Gato* submarine surfaced, and Mr. Cannon heard an American voice: "Is anyone there?" He ran across the submarine to the hatch where they pulled him to safety.

Moreover, Mr. Cannon and ten other individuals from separate missions were rescued by the USS *Gato* where they lived for a month-long trek to Saipan. He returned to United States soil on or around July 4, 1945 to his wife, Murrie, and four-month-old daughter, Julie, whom he had yet to meet.

Nearly 72 years later, Mr. Cannon was contacted by the son of the engineer behind Salvo Sally, Fred McDonald, as well as Don Langford, who were researching the bomber's story. During their research, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Langford contacted officials in Japan who forwarded their inquiry and sent reporters to St. Louis to Mr. Cannon's home to interview him.

As a result, Japan invited Mr. Cannon to Myazaki, Japan in May of 2018 for a ceremony honoring the crew of Salvo Sally. Mr. Cannon, his current wife, Imelda, Don Langford, Fred McDonald, and Judy Linquist attended the ceremony. There, Mr. Cannon was honored for his service and peacemaking efforts by officials in Japan. Not only was his experience honored, it was portrayed and preserved in a documentary that Japan made about Salvo Sally and the only survivor, Mr. Jack Cannon.

It is a privilege to stand today and honor Mr. Jack Cannon's bravery and service to the country. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking and honoring Mr. Jack Cannon.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
WILLIE MCCOVEY

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of a beloved icon, Willie McCovey, who passed away on October 31 in the Bay Area.

Willie McCovey was an indelible part of the fabric of the San Francisco Giants and the city of Saint Francis. For more than six decades, he gave his heart, soul, and full spirit to the Giants, as a player, a mentor for younger players, and a leader in the clubhouse. His familiar presence at Candlestick Park and then at AT&T Park even decades after his retirement provided a constant source of hope, strength, and inspiration for fans of all ages.

Willie made history as one of just a handful of players in the history of the sport to secure a Rookie of the Year Award, a league MVP, and multiple All-Star Game MVP Awards. He retired in 1980 with the most home runs hit by a left-handed hitter, a record that stood for more than thirty years. During his career, Willie led the league in home runs three times and in RBIs twice. He retired with 18 grand slams, second only to Lou Gehrig, and with 521 home runs and 1,555 RBIs hit. His style of play forever changed the game, forcing defenses to respond to his intimidating power and strength.

Willie lived the American Dream, from his rise from humble beginnings in the segregated South to his induction to Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame. The son of a railroad worker and one of ten children, Willie began working at age 12 to support his family, eventually dropping out of high school to work full time. By age 17, his extraordinary talent and potential had become legendary, and he signed his first professional contract, beginning what would be an outstanding, record-shattering career.

Yet, throughout Willie's time on the field, it was not only his ferocious power hitting that set him apart, but also his incredible generosity, joy, and love for the game. After his retirement, Willie continued to give back to his city and his team, and his kindness and graciousness earned the devotion of generations of San Franciscans. That the San Francisco Giants' annual most inspirational player award is named for Willie McCovey is a lasting testament to his contributions on and off the field.

Willie once said, "I'd like to think that when people think of San Francisco, they also think of Willie McCovey." What a blessing it is to have forged such a legacy. He will be missed by players, fans, and San Franciscans of all backgrounds for generations to come, and his memory will be cherished every time the Giants drive a home run into McCovey Cove.

May it bring some measure of comfort to Willie's cherished wife Estela, his daughter Alison, his grandchildren Raven, Philip, and Marissa, his sister Frances, brothers Clauzell and Cleon, Estela's daughters Christel Marise and Christel Faye, and all who were fortunate enough to know and love Willie, that so many grieve with them and pray for them during this sad time.

HONORING THE 2018 AGRI-  
CULTURIST OF THE YEAR GARY  
SERRATO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2018*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleagues, David Valadao, to commemorate Mr. Gary Serrato as the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Agriculturist of the Year. For over 30 years, Gary has devoted himself to the Fresno agricultural community by serving as an advocate and leader in his position as General Manager of the Fresno Irrigation District.

A third-generation farmer, Gary gained appreciation for agricultural work at an early age. He worked on his father's ranch near Fowler, California and eventually received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business from California State University, Fresno in 1978.

Gary joined the Fresno Irrigation District in 1986, where he held the positions of Watermaster and Assistant Manager of Operations. As a result of Gary's hard work and significant contributions, he was appointed the General Manager of the Fresno Irrigation District in 2000.

As General Manager, Gary has skillfully navigated the district through some of the most trying times for California Agriculture. He is considered a leading advocate for Fresno County farmers and has effectively communicated numerous water issues to the public. Gary is a fervent believer in ensuring all Central Valley communities are provided with clean and accessible water.

Gary has also demonstrated a strong commitment to community service throughout his career. Gary is involved with the Fresno County Water Advisory Committee, Kings River Water Association and Upper Kings River Water Forum. He served on the board of the Community Food Bank for two terms and was elected to two terms as council member in the City of Fowler. Gary was also appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and was appointed as the executive officer of North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. NUNES today in recognizing the career achievements of Mr. Gary Serrato. It is both fitting and appropriate that he is named the 2018 Agriculturist of the Year, as he retires from his position as General Manager of the Fresno Irrigation District at the end of this year. Gary has left his mark on the community and we are all grateful for his vision and leadership. I ask that you join me in wishing Gary and his family continued success and prosperity.